



aboriginal BIBLE ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2013

Wow! This year is quickly progressing, isn't it? Perhaps many of you have already begun the transition from spring mode to summer mentality (cottage/trailer preparation, holiday planning etc.). For many Aboriginal people this season becomes an opportunity to get out on the land and experience the Creator's handiwork for an Extended period of time.

Aboriginal Life Has Changed

The nomadic days of following the herd, school or flock of various wildlife, fish or fowl has long since been replaced with domestic lifestyles consisting of 9 to 5 occupations, Monday to Friday, with the shadow of overtime seemingly constantly looming.

A lot has changed within the Aboriginal community and yet, there is a lot that has remained the same. With almost a 500 year old history of exchange and interaction, that began with early European settlers, some statistics suggest that less than 5% to 10% of First Nations profess a saving knowledge in Jesus Christ! The Inuit have had almost 900 years of exposure from visitors from "other lands" and the Christian statistics are similar.

It goes without saying that we need to do a better job of reaching the Aboriginal for Christ. Jewish and Aboriginal history actually track similar paths of sorts with both having humble tribal/clan beginnings coupled with centuries of hardship and persecution, being displaced from their land. Yet, both have maintained a unique identity and culture that really can only be fully realized through a Christ redeeming encounter.

Through Aboriginal Bible Academy and the partnerships and networks that have and are being established, solid biblical training is being made accessible in increasing measure for not only our existing Aboriginal leadership but the next generation of leaders as well. We continue to build traction across Canada. There is a swell of growing interest and hunger for teaching and training, and ***thanks to your prayers and support***, we are able to assist in the development of solid Aboriginal leaders from coast - to coast - to coast!

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What's Been Happening

Back in late March our Director was invited to spend a few days up in the small community of North West River, Labrador (near Goose Bay) to preach and share about the Academy and the opportunities that are available for ongoing discipleship and bible study.

A wonderful time was had in meeting several Innu of the neighboring Sheshatshiu community that attend the church in North West River.

Pastor Andrew & Patsy McAuley have been faithful servants in this area for 30 years! The people of

these two neighboring communities are being served well and we look forward to a continued partnership with the McAuley's as they cast vision for discipleship training in this area of Labrador's north.



Dan with Pastor Andy McAuley

What Lays Ahead

Although the summer months typically slow down, these next couple of months are shaping up to be a bit more busy than usual.

Late June/early July could see a quick trip to Manitoba to connect with Aboriginal leaders (further details to follow in our fall newsletter). The rest of July brings a couple of visits to summer camps within the southern Ontario area that will be hosting Missions Emphasis Sundays.

A potential trip up into northern Quebec in August is on the horizon for a possible Quebec Native Council gathering. Under the leadership of Rev. Johnny Dixon, essential vision for ongoing training and equipping in leadership development is being cast.



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TO PRAY

for open

doors!



Dan with Pastor
Johnny

**CHECK
OUT EVEN
MORE
RESOURCES
ON OUR
WEBSITE!**



Check This Out! (Contact our office for more information)

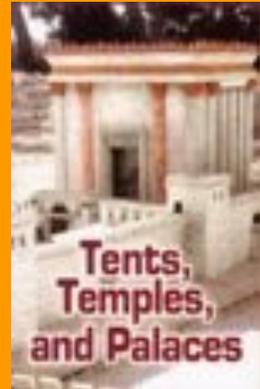
Tents, Temples and Palaces gives the student an introduction to the Old Testament.

It emphasizes the history of God's people, paying special attention to God's mighty acts and the prophetic words He gave concerning those acts. It deals with the sequence and meaning of the experiences of God's people. It examines their relationship to Him and their successes and failures.

The student will discover many truths from the Old Testament that will help him in his understanding of the Bible, his walk with God and his service for Him.

This course will help you....

1. Understand the message of the Old Testament.
2. Learn about the experiences and history of God's people.
3. Gain knowledge about the land in which God's people lived.
4. Discover truths from the Old Testament that will enrich your walk with God.



Conferences! Conferences!

Back in early May our Academic Director, Dan Collado attended a couple of PAOC district conferences (EOD & WOD). They were wonderful opportunities to network, reconnect and forge new relationships regarding innovative and ongoing ministry initiatives within the Aboriginal Community here in Ontario.



Later in the same month a quick trip to Niagara Falls, NY was made to "pop in" on the Native American Fellowship Convocation. Again, it was a wonderful occasion to connect with key persons regarding theological training at various levels.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BIBLICAL STUDIES?

Here's How ABA can Help:

- Simply contact our office via phone, email or through our website. (Anyone is eligible to take the courses we offer)
- A "New Student Registration Form" will need to be filled out and returned to our office (by mail or fax)
- Included with the submitted forms needs to be a cheque for all appropriate academic fees made out to Aboriginal Bible Academy
- Once all forms and payment have been received by our office the process takes about 10 days by which time you can have your curriculum and study materials in your hand! If you choose to take your course online.....you can be well into your studies in 3-5 days!

SOME COURSE SYNOPSIS

SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

- A study of the life and teachings of Christ based on Matthew, Mark, and Luke. After a brief introduction to the world into which Jesus was born, it provides a chronological study of His life. Emphasis is given to the context of His teachings and miracles. The content is arranged to help students apply the principles of the study to their own lives and to use them in their preaching and teaching.

EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP

- A biblical approach to the principles of leadership. This course applies those principles in the church setting, giving the student the practical skills needed to serve in a leadership role in the local church.

ESCHATOLOGY: A STUDY OF THINGS TO COME

- A biblical study of end-time events written from a Pentecostal perspective. The course studies the Rapture, plus various views of the Tribulation and the Millennium. It provides excellent material for teaching and preaching on the second coming of Christ.

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